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Jochen Burgdorf et al.

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for a Brake Lining

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 17, 2003 (Paper No. 15), and the Advisory Action dated February 19, 2004 (Paper No. 17), please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.